

## National Park of American Samoa News Release

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## American Samoa Youth Learn About Climate Change

Pago Pago, AS—On Saturday, the National Park of American Samoa participated in the territory's multi-agency "Climate Change Youth Awareness Day." The event was coordinated by the Department of Commerce and included activities such as a tug-of-war, recycle race, paint a reusable grocery bag, and presentations by each agency. Students also shared their winning entries for best songs and stories about climate change. The national park will continue to promote climate change research and community awareness.

"It's imperative that we educate our youth about climate change in the hope that they will make personal choices to help the environment," said Superintendent Mike Reynolds.

The National Park of American Samoa offers free educational outreach programs to schools and communities. The programs last about one hour and address a variety of topics about the American Samoan environment and culture. Contact the national park for more information or to schedule a presentation.

The National Park of American Samoa was established in 1988 to preserve the coral reefs, tropical forest and archeological and cultural resources of American Samoa, to maintain the habitat of fruit bats, and to provide educational opportunities for visitors and residents. National park lands and waters are leased from villages and the American Samoa Government through a long-term agreement with the National Park Service.

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